(b) whether it is a fact that Government announced concessions on travels for the people attending the celebrations; and

(c) if so, the rational for giving such concessions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) to (c) This concession was granted, as an exception, to persons belonging to economically weaker sections.

Subsidies on agriculture

1965. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cut subsidies on agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) According to the figures on subsidies to agriculture compiled by the Central Statistical Organization, New Delhi, for the period 1993-94 to 2000-01, agriculture subsidies did not show any decline.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Palace on Wheels in different States

1966. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the 'Palace on Wheels' project in different States;

(b) whether Railways have conducted a feasibility study in States; and

(c) if so, the gist of the feasibility report, time frame, if any set up for introduction of Palace on Wheels in States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) to (c) Luxury tourist train—the "Palace